

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GERARD A MCHALE,
Plaintiff,

v.

SILICON VALLEY LAW GROUP,
Defendant.

Case No. [10-cv-04864-JCS](#)

FINAL VERDICT FORM

Dated: September 13, 2013


JOSEPH C. SPERO
United States Magistrate Judge

We, the jury, unanimously agree to the answers to the following questions and return them under the instructions of this Court as our verdict in this case.

- 1. Do you find that Plaintiff GERARD A. McHALE, P.A., TRUSTEE OF THE 1031 DEBTORS LIQUIDATING TRUST (the “BANKRUPTCY TRUSTEE”), has proved by the preponderance of the evidence that SILICON VALLEY LAW GROUP was negligent?**

_____ Yes

_____ No

If your answer to Question 1 is “Yes,” please answer Question 2. If your answer to Question 1 is “No,” do not answer any further questions. Please have the Jury Foreperson sign and date this Verdict Form and return it to Ms. Karen Hom.

2. Do you find that BANKRUPTCY TRUSTEE has proved by a preponderance of the evidence that SILICON VALLEY LAW GROUP's negligence was a substantial factor in causing harm to 1031 Advance?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If your answer to Question 2 is "Yes," please answer Question 3. If your answer to Question 2 is "No," do not answer any further questions. Please have the Jury Foreperson sign and date this Verdict Form and return it to Ms. Karen Hom.

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1 **4. Comparative fault: Do you find that SILICON VALLEY LAW GROUP has proved**
2 **by a preponderance of the evidence that 1031 Advance was negligent?**

3 _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

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16 If your answer to Question 4 is “Yes,” please answer Question 5. If your answer to
17 Question 4 is “No,” please go directly to Question 7.
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1 **5. Comparative Fault: Do you find that SILICON VALLEY LAW GROUP has proved**
2 **by a preponderance of the evidence that 1031 Advance’s negligence was a substantial**
3 **factor in causing harm to 1031 Advance?**

4 _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

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17 If your answer to Question 5 is “Yes,” please answer Question 6. If your answer to
18 Question 5 is “No,” please go directly to Question 7.
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6. What percentage of responsibility for 1031 Advance's harm do you assign to:

SILICON VALLEY LAW GROUP _____%

1031 ADVANCE, INC. _____%

Please answer Question 7.

1 **7. Do you find that SILICON VALLEY LAW GROUP has proved by a preponderance**
2 **of the evidence that the criminal conduct of Edward Okun was a superseding cause of**
3 **1031 Advance's damage?**

4 _____ **Yes** _____ **No**

16 DATE _____

16 SIGNATURE OF FOREPERSON _____

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